NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT : I told honourable members of the Assembly yesterday that I had received certain notices of adjournment motions, and I chose one for discussion yesterday. I have received the following motions. One of them relates to—

> "The unsatisfactory nature of the arrangements for the conduct of election to the Legislative Bodies as disclosed by the recent publication of the preliminary electoral roll and the fixing of the polling stations."

Another relates to—

> "The apprehension in the minds of agricultural debtors and the dislocation and suspense of business transactions in the country, owing to the great indefinite delay taken by the Government in setting up Conciliation Boards as provided in the Travancore Agriculturists' Relief Regulation of 1112."

The third relates to—

> "The anxiety caused to the public by the recent Press Note published by the Chief Engineer regarding the unsatisfactory nature of the ground and subsoil where the present Pallivasal Power House is located and the consequent decision on the part of the Government to build a Power House on a more convenient site on the banks of the Muthirampuzha River, thereby causing huge additional expenditure to the State and obvious delay in supplying power for the use of the public.

All these are in order, and I shall presently say something about them. I have also received notice of another adjournment motion relating to—

> "The serious hardship and loss caused to the Valans (the fishermen) in the matter of back-water fishing by registry-holders of adjacent paddy fields resorting to what is known as paddy-field fishing."

This has been going on for several decades;

It is not a matter of urgent public importance and is therefore disallowed.

I wish to know from honourable members whether there is any objection in allowing the first motion relating to elections. (*No objection was raised*).

I leave it to the House to decide when they will discuss it. It is just possible that the discussion on the Bar Council Bill may not take up the time till two o' clock. There is nothing in the rule against adjournment motions being taken up earlier than 3.30. It is open to the house to take up the motion at 3-30 or as soon as the Legislative business is over. If I do not hear any dissent, I shall adopt the latter course, and take it up as soon as the Legislative business is over.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Is the discussion to last only for two hours in that case also?

PRESIDENT : You will find that two hours is indicated as the maximum, in the rules.

In regard to the other adjournment motions, I will make the announcement tomorrow.

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